

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2688 - SB 2617

February 14, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Clarifies that a recipient of a HOPE scholarship or other lottery funded award will continue to be eligible for educational assistance benefits provided to children of POWs, MIAs and combat-related deaths.

Present law provides that every dependent child in this state under 21 years of age, whose parent was killed, died as a direct result of injuries received, or has been officially reported as being either a POW or MIA while serving honorably as a member of the United States armed forces during a qualifying period of armed conflict, or was formerly a POW or MIA under such circumstances, or the spouse of such veteran, is entitled to a waiver of tuition, maintenance fees, student activity fees and required registration or matriculation fees, and is admitted without cost to any of the institutions of higher education owned, operated and maintained by the state.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

MINIMAL

Assumes the bill does not change, but merely clarifies existing law.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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